

SISTERS' DEPARTMENT.

The Worth of a Good Mother.

It is as strange as it is true, that a vast number of young people, having good mothers—excellent Christian mothers—do not half appreciate the real worth of them. Many of them are verily ashamed to confess, before their ungodly associates, that they have such mothers. But such young people ought to be ashamed of themselves for manifesting a sense of shame because of the fact that they have mothers who are thoroughly sincere and truly devoted Christians. Many a young man owes his conspicuous success in life to the prayers and molding influence of his godly mother; and he ought to be very thankful to God for such a mother, and prize her very highly. A certain chaplain related this story some years ago:

It was just after the battle of Williamsburg, where hundreds of brave men had fallen, never to bear arms again, that a soldier came to my tent, and said, "Chaplain, one of your own boys is badly wounded, and wants to see you right away." Hurriedly following the soldier, I was taken to the hospital, and found, on a bed, a fine-looking young man, pale and blood-stained from a wound above the temple. I saw at a glance that he had but a few hours to live on earth. Taking his hand, I said to him, "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?" The dying soldier looked up in my face and, placing his finger where his hair was stained with blood, said, "Chaplain, cut a big lock, from here, for mother; for mother, mind chaplain." I hesitated to disfigure him so. He said, "Don't be afraid, chaplain, it's for mother, and nobody will see me in the dead-house tomorrow. Now, chaplain," said the dying man, "I want you to kneel down by me, and return thanks to God." "For what?" I asked. "For giving me such a mother. O chaplain, she is a good mother; she taught me to look to Jesus; her teachings comfort and console me now. And, chaplain, thank God that, by his grace, I am a Christian. Oh! what should I do now if I were not a Christian? I know that my Redeemer liveth. I feel that his finished work has saved me. And, chaplain, thank God for giving me dying grace." I knelt by the dying man, and thanked God for the blessings he had bestowed on him—the gift of a good mother, a believer's hope, and dying grace to bear testimony to God's faithfulness. Shortly after the prayer, he said, "Good by, chaplain. If you ever see mother, tell her it was all well."

That young man had a large appreciation of the worth of a good mother, and thankfully recognized her blessed influence in leading him to accept her God as his God, even unto death. O young man, if you have a Christian mother set a high value upon her, as God's choice gift to you, and allow her prayers to be answered in your conversation and consecration to Christ.—Religious Herald.

A Romance in Real Life.

There is in Japan a place called "The City of Gardens." It is not surprising that a locality with so pleasant a name should be especially inviting in the season of flowers to the Japanese, who love to linger by its temple. In that spot not long ago four persons happened to meet: one an old man accompanied by a young girl; another a middle-aged man accompanied by a lad.

The men were resting and refreshing themselves; but the younger of them, Kakujiro, attentively regarded the elder, Suda, and at length charged him with having slain a brother of his many years ago. He had been seeking Suda ever since to revenge his brother's death. Suda admitted the charge, but justified the deed on the ground that he had been insulted, and expressed himself quite ready to face his present challenger in a duel.

For this the pair proceeded to make arrangements, when, not unnaturally, the young girl interposed, and besought her father not to risk his life. Her father's accuser gazed at her, and sadly said she reminded him of a little girl he and his wife had lost in a crowd many years before. Suda then said that she was not his child, but had been found by him at the time and place indicated by his opponent, and that he had adopted and cared for her.

To complete the story, Kakujiro mentioned that his daughter, when lost, had carried a bag of charms, which the girl present immediately produced from her bosom. This settled the question of her identity, and Kakujiro discovered that in seeking an enemy he had found his child. Of course, after this, all question of dueling was dropped, especially when the lad broke silence and reminded his elders that that method of settling differences was now old-fashioned, and was only regarded only as a barbarous relic of the past. The little party, therefore, went away friendly and happy.

—GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS.

MARRIED.

GROFF—BACHELDER—At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 27, 1888, Mr. John Groff and sister Maggie Bachelder both of Campbell, Mich.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

KEIME—GIFFIN—At the home of the bride in Hudson, Iowa, Dec. 23, by the undersigned, Mr. Lewis S. Keime, of Salt Lake, and Mrs. Hannah Giffin, of Hudson, Iowa. Mr. Keime was formerly of Somerset Co., Pa. The happy pair will likely make their home in the Territory. The good wishes of the people of Hudson will go with them.

H. WISE.

GADD—THOMAS—At the residence of Daniel Thomas, Dec. 30, 1888, Mr. Joel S. Gadd, of Corning, Iowa, and Miss Maggie Thomas, of New Virginia, Iowa.

I. J. THOMAS.

OUR DEAD.

BROWNING—Nona May Brown, ing was born Jan. 13, 1884, died Nov. 22, 1888, aged 3 years, 10 months and 9 days. Funeral held at the Indian Creek church Dec. 23rd.

J. H. PALMER.

Temperance Gaining Strength in the Courts.

The temperance sentiment is steadily gaining strength in the decisions of the courts. New legislation involves the interpretation of the law by the courts, for issues are made at every point by those who wish all restriction set aside. Among the latest of these is the decision of the New Jersey Court of Appeals sustaining the recent law of that State, which is both high-license and local-option. The fact is that the prevailing good sense of the people and the deliberate judgment of courts are much in advance of the policy of the average legislator. Steadily the conviction is growing that the utmost power of law must be used against the saloons, and the courts sustain that conviction as for right and for the public good.—United Presbyterian.

The Nile is lower than it has been for years, and is falling rapidly before time enough has elapsed for proper irrigation of lands which depend upon the annual inundation for their fertility. It is said that in certain districts of Egypt famine is inevitable unless relief is furnished from other parts of the world. It is suggested by well-informed persons that the low Nile is probably a deflection of the river, far from its mouth, by enemies of Egypt. This is declared to be possible, and Sir Samuel W. Baker says if he were an enemy of Egypt, he knows the spot where he would commence the fatal work upon the river Atbara.

Along with the distressing news respecting the part of so-called Christian nations in carrying liquor into Africa, it is cheering to know of the various missionary operations going there. The dark continent seems to have proved especially attractive to the French and German societies. The Evangelical Missionaries Society of Paris has five stations and thirty-four missionaries in south Africa, and several of the German organization are pushing into occupied territory. For America and Europe to thus combine to redeem Africa is to atone, in some measure, for previous wrongs.—Congregationalist.

In a paper read before the National Electric Light Association, Dr. Schuyler S. Wheeler, electrician of the Board of Electrical Control, says the total number of miles of underground wires already laid in New York is 3,697. The number of miles of underground wire in Brooklyn is 2,000. The number of miles of underground wire in Paris is 4,100. The number of miles of underground wire in Chicago is 200. The number of miles of underground wire in Boston is 400. The number of miles of underground wire in Pittsburg is about 1,000.

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Poisons And Their Antidotes.

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1. Acid—Carbolic, sulphuric, nitric, muriatic, nitro-muriatic, creosote, iodine, phosphorous.

ANTIDOTE.—White of egg well beaten up with water. A teaspoonful of mustard flour in a cup of hot water. Very thick lime water—(in case of sulphuric, nitric, muriatic or nitro-muriatic acids.)

2. Chromic acid, chromates, all preparations or compounds of chromium, antimony, copper, mercury, or zinc.

ANTIDOTE.—Abundance of white of egg in water. A teaspoonful of mustard flour in water. Copious draughts of an infusion of salt herbs.

3. Ammonia, soda, potash, alkalies, silicates and sulphates.

ANTIDOTE.—Strong vinegar and water. Large doses of oil. Large doses of milk.

4. Prussic acid and its salts, all cyanides and sulpho-cyanides, oil of bitter almonds, and nitro-benzene.

ANTIDOTE.—Continuous and heavy douches of ice cold water over the head and spinal column. Mustard plasters on the stomach and soles of the feet. Prevent sleep.

5. Either petroleum, benzine, fruit essence, concentrated or absolute alcohol.

ANTIDOTE.—Plenty of mustard flour in large quantity of hot water. Cold water douches. Fresh air. Prevent sleep absolutely.

6. Compounds of baryta and lead.

ANTIDOTE.—A teaspoonful of mustard flour in warm water. Strong solutions of Epsom salts and Glauber's salts in cold water.

7. Compounds of arsenic.

ANTIDOTE.—A teaspoonful of mustard flour in warm water. A teaspoonful of dialyzed iron mixed with the same quantity of calcined magnesia every five minutes for one hour. Then plenty of oil, or milk, or some mucilaginous tea—say linseed.

8. Oxalic acid and its salts.

ANTIDOTE.—Very thick paste of lime and water by large spoonfuls at the time. After several of these, large draughts of lime water. Finally, four ounces castor oil.

9. Nitrate of silver.

ANTIDOTE.—Large doses of ordinary kitchen salt dissolved in water, after which one teaspoonful of mustard flour in warm water.

10. Nitrous fumes of vapors, arising in vitriol or chemical works.

ANTIDOTE.—Frequent and small doses of strong acetic acid—the stronger the better.

—Scientific American.

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